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STATEMENT OF FACTS

Statement of facts in re [REDACTED], P.O. Box 21, Starke, Florida.
Home address, 756 N. Grand Street, Starke, Florida.

On the morning of November 24, 1958, the above stated [REDACTED], was observed going into the men's bathroom of the Alachua County Courthouse, located in Gainesville, Florida. After keeping this subject under surveillance for a period of approximately one hour, Mr. [REDACTED], who is cooperating with this Investigator, placed himself in the men's bathroom on one of the commodes adjacent to Mr. [REDACTED]. Upon observing Mr. [REDACTED] and seeing that he was paying close attention to him, Mr. [REDACTED] therefore asked Mr. [REDACTED] if he wanted to have homosexual activity. Mr. [REDACTED] replied yes, but he was afraid to at that location. Therefore, Mr. [REDACTED] stated to him that if he so desired they could get in his car and go to the woods and asked Mr. [REDACTED] if that was what he wanted to do. Mr. [REDACTED] readily replied Yes, that would be fine and immediately thereupon got up and started straightening his clothes in preparation to go along. Mr. [REDACTED] came out of the men's rest room ahead of Mr. [REDACTED] and waited in my presense and when Mr. [REDACTED] came out he was asked to come along with us to the Sheriff's office where we took this statement. Mr. [REDACTED] upon questioning admitted he made the statement to Mr. Tileston, as Mr. [REDACTED] above stated, but disclaimed he was a homosexual, saying it was not his intention to go through with such a thing. He was just going to see what would happen. It is the opinion of this Investigator after talking to Mr. [REDACTED] that this man is a confirmed homosexual and has participated in this activity on many occasions. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had previously lived in Lake City, Florida, but at this time was living in Starke with his wife and three children, ages 5, 4, and 2 months. He stated that they were at the present time living with Mrs. V. S.

Hicks who is his mother-in-law and that he is employed at the Sunset Training School as an attendant and has been so employed since July 21, 1958.

Mr. [REDACTED] states that this was his second appearance in the bathroom in the Courthouse in Gainesville within a period of five months, but in talking to the janitor at the Courthouse, he positively identifies Mr. [REDACTED] as having been there on several occasions.

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Chief Investigator